GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5685
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
HINDON AIRPORT STATION
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news items, `Agnikand Se Hindan Vayu Sena Kendra Ki Suraksha par Prashan Chinah`, appearing in `Rashtriya Sahara`, New Delhi dated March 16, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of fighter planes hit by birds at Hindan Air Force Station so far;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to shift meat exporting industries away from Air Force Station, Hindon; and

(e) the new steps propose to be taken by the Government for tightening security at the said Air Force Station?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was an incident of grass catching fire. However, there was no loss of property.

(c) There have been 07 Cat-1 aircraft accidents due to Bird Hit in the last 20 years at Air Force Station, Hindan.59 aircraft have had minor damages due to Bird Hit in the same period.

(d) The matter has been taken up with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to resolve the issue.

(e) Adequate steps have been taken to enhance the security of Air Force Station, Hindan. However, the details can not be divulged in national interest.